

# Vilela language

**Vilela** (*Uakambalelté*, *Atalalá*, *Chulupí~Chunupí*)<sup>[4]</sup> is an extinct language last spoken in the Resistencia area of Argentina and in the eastern Chaco near the Paraguayan border. Dialects were *Ocol*, *Chinipi*, *Sinipi*; only Ocol survives. The people call themselves *Waqha-umbaßelte* 'Waqha speakers'.

The last Vilela people were absorbed into the surrounding Toba people and Spanish-speaking townsfolk.

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	Vilela
Native to	Argentina
Extinct	20 by 1981; <sup>[1]</sup> gone by 2011 <sup>[2]</sup>
Language family	Lule–Vilela <div>▪<span> </span>Vilela</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	vil
Glottolog	vile1241 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/vile1241">http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/vile1241</a> ) <sup>[3]</sup>

## Dialects

Loukotka (1968) lists the following dialects of Vilela.<sup>[5]</sup>

- **Chunupi** - formerly spoken on the confluence of the San Francisco River and Bermejo River in the vicinity of La Encrucijada, Valtolema, Ortega, Esquina Grande and Laguna Colma.
- **Pasain** - formerly spoken in the vicinity of Macapillo, Argentine Chaco.
- **Ocole** - formerly spoken between Lacangayá and Laguna Colma.
- **Omoampa** - formerly spoken from Ortega as far as Miraflores.
- **Macomita** - once spoken west of the Juramento River, province of Santiago del Estero, Argentina.
- **Yecoamita** - once spoken northwest of the Teuco River, Formosa province.
- **Sinipi** - formerly spoken on the Bermejo River in the vicinity of Lacangayá.

## Phonology

Vilela appears to have the five vowels of Spanish and approximately the following consonants:

m	n			
b	d	dʒ	g	
p	t	tʃ	k	ʔ
p'	t'	tʃ'	k'	
f	s	ʃ	x	
	ɬ			
w	l	j		
	r			

## Notes

1. Vilela language ([https://www.ethnologue.com/16/show\\_language/vil](https://www.ethnologue.com/16/show_language/vil)) at *Ethnologue* (16th ed., 2009)
2. Vilela (<https://www.ethnologue.com/18/language/vil/>) at *Ethnologue* (18th ed., 2015)
3. Hammarström, Harald; Forkel, Robert; Haspelmath, Martin, eds. (2017). "Vilela" (<http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/vile1241>). *Glottolog 3.0*. Jena, Germany: Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History.
4. Not to be confused with *Niwaklé*, which is also called Chulupí~Chunupí.
5. Loukotka, Čestmír (1968). *Classification of South American Indian Languages* (<https://archive.org/details/classificationof0007louk>). Los Angeles: UCLA Latin American Center. pp. 53 (<https://archive.org/details/classificationof0007louk/page/53>).

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